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(57) Abstract: Disclosed are methods for multiple displacement amplification of a nucleic acid sequence in a sample. The nucleic acid is contacted with a reaction mixture that includes a set of oligonucleotide primers and a plurality of polymerase enzymes. The reaction mixture is subjected to conditions under which the nucleic acid sequence is amplified to produce an amplification product in a multiple displacement amplification reaction. Also disclosed are kits containing a set of oligonucleotide primers with random sequences having lengths of 6 to 8 nucleobases. At least some of the individual members of the primers have one or more ribose modifications that stabilize or lock the ribose ring in a 3'-endo conformation. At least some of the primers have one or more universal nucleobases.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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NCBI PubMed, eKIPASS, "multiple displacement amplification, polymerase, random primer, compatible solute, betaine, trehalose, etc."

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 31, 33-36, 38-55, 57, 59, 60
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

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Box No.II, 2

Claims 31, 33-36, 38-55, 57, 59 and 60 are not clear and concise as required by PCT Article 6. The reason is as follows:

- 1) Claim 31 quotes claim 16, describing a reaction mixture for MDA. But claim 16 does not mention a reaction mixture for MDA.
- 2) Claims 33-36 quote claim 18, describing a reaction mixture for MDA. But claim 18 does not mention a reaction mixture for MDA.
- 3) Claims 38, 39, 44, 50, 54 and 55 quote claim 35, describing a kit for MDA. But claim 35 does not mention a kit for MDA.
- 4) Claims 47 quotes claim 33, describing a kit for MDA. But claim 33 does not mention a kit for MDA.
- 5) Claim 57 quotes claim 55, describing an oligonucleotide primer. But claim 55 does not mention an oligonucleotide primer.
- 6) Claims 38-55, 59 and 60 are also unclear because these claims quote indefinite claims.

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